

## WEST TOPSHAM

Letters Going to France in Good Time Now.

[The following letters, sent to West Topsham, are herewith reprinted, although to be of news value it is rather important that the public should know more about them than that they were written by "Martin" to "Mother." When sending in letters for publication, please see that the name of the recipient is given.]

France, May 1, 1918.  
Dear Mother and All: As I have just got back with my old company, I will write you. There was some mail waiting for me, so will answer them to-day.

I am well and hope you are well too. When I got back to my company, there were four or five letters from you and three or four from Ella, one from Ada. She says Dick wants me to come there the first thing I get back, as he wants to hire me.

\* There is no snow here and hasn't been for some time. Folks have gardens up, also potatoes. They do their work in a funny way.

I have sent Gladys, Mary and you a present. Will send papa, Leonard and Roscoe something soon. As I could not send all at once, I am going to send Jessie something too. I have sent \$25 more to you. Am glad you got the \$50 all right. Am going to send all I can spare. I should like to be there to eat maple sugar with you.

Somehow in France, Mothers day, I would write you a few lines to-day, as it is Mother's day, and I have nothing else to do. I have just heard one of the best sermons I ever heard. It was fine.

I wrote you a few days ago, so there isn't any news this time. I am well and safe and hope you are all the same. I got a letter from you the other day that you wrote in November. It had been two or three different hospitals and then came back to the company.

Well, I have been in the trenches once and did not get hurt. Everything is fine. I suppose you will be having green peas before long; oh, not for a few days, I mean. I wish I was going to have some with you. Maybe I can some day.

I got a nice letter from Ada the other day. She said she sent me a box Christmas, but I did not get it. Neither the one that Jessie sent. I think I received all the letters you wrote me. I also got another from Uncle Lewis and one from Mr. Green, the pastor at Waits River.

Did you get the things I sent you? If so, what did you think of them? I am going to send papa, Roscoe and Leonard something soon. Just a souvenir of France. I am sorry you could not send me some sugar. I can't get any here, but I can eat some when I see it.

I suppose Gladys and Roscoe are back on the farm by this time. I hope they will do well this summer. I hope you plant a lot this spring, things are so high.

I made an allotment of \$20 to be sent you every month, beginning Feb. 1. Have you got any of it yet? I also got an insurance and am going to send you the card this time. Take care of it, for you may have to use it.

A very pretty wedding took place Sunday, June 16, at the home of Captain and Mrs. William Thomas Haigh at Brattleboro, when their daughter, Miss Ella, became the wife of Lieut. Franklin Phillips Philbrick of Co. I, 303d Infantry, Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass. Rev. Richard H. Clapp of the Center Congregational church performed the ceremony.

The decorations were flags, mountain laurel and ferns. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Captain Haigh, who formerly was in the British army in India and a few years ago was captain of Co. I, 1st Vermont. The bride has held a position with the Houghton-Simonds company and the Holstein-Friesian company, while the groom attended Montpelier seminary, later was employed at the Brattleboro retreat and went with Co. I to the Mexican border. He was commissioned lieutenant at the officers' school in Plattsburg a year ago and expects soon to leave for France. Good wishes go with Mr. Philbrick for his ocean trip, and we hope soon to see him back.

## BROOKFIELD

Rev. William Taylor announced his resignation last Sunday. He expects to leave Monday for New York and expects to be called to France any time to engage in Y. M. C. A. work.

Mrs. C. B. Fisk entertained Sunday Dr. and Mrs. Allen Gage and two sons of St. Johnsbury.

Children's day will be observed at the Second church next Sunday. Special patriotic service with recitations, songs, etc. A collection will be taken for the Congregational Sunday school extension. The next Red Cross meeting will be held Wednesday afternoon, July 3, in grange hall.

Mrs. A. L. Follansbee has for a guest this week her brother-in-law, J. Follansbee of Concord, N. H.

A reception will be given Rev. and Mrs. William Taylor and daughter, Miss Gladys Taylor, Saturday evening, June 29, at the church parlors. Everybody invited to come. Ladies bring only 2. Under the supervision of Mrs. A. R. Runney, Mrs. William Taylor, Mrs. F. L. Pullam, Mrs. C. I. Dugan and Mrs. U. A. Clark. Rev. John Q. Angell of East Burke will give a lecture, which will be interesting to everybody. All come and hear him and also the excellent musical program, which will be given for this entertainment.

Remember the big auction sale for Clark S. Hall at North Randolph Saturday, this week—adv.

Everyone is urged and is expected to be present at the patriotic meeting Friday evening, which is to be held in town hall. Address by Benjamin Gates of Montpelier. There will be special patriotic music. All come.

A healthful table drink that war conditions make exceptionally proper

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## EAST CALAIS

Our town has been quick to meet every requirement, which the government has made upon it since the war began. Let us not fail in the drive now on for W. S. S. We must not fail now. It would be an everlasting disgrace for us to fail to stand back of all our boys that have gone to fight our battles. We must give them the support with which alone they can win our fight. Calais' quota is large, therefore even now Calais is making good. For all they are worth, Calais was quick to organize a Red Cross society and now has one of the best working societies in the state. Let us keep Calais on the map. Let us not only "do our bit" but "do our best."

It is hoped the veterans of '61 to '65 of this village will grasp the opportunity of meeting their old comrades at Dewey park Thursday and Friday of this week. This is the twenty-first reunion of Washington county veterans. For the past 21 years these boys have gotten together to renew old acquaintances of '61 to '65. Let Calais be well represented. You need not be a veteran to attend these meetings; all are welcome. A very interesting program has been arranged.

John R. Wilson Bancroft entertained the graduating class of the high school a reception Wednesday afternoon. During the afternoon refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served. The class presented the teacher a thermos bottle, and a very pleasant time was had.

A well attended meeting was held at the town hall Saturday evening to discuss ways and means for the W. S. S. campaign. Mr. Howland of Montpelier was present to assist in the preparations.

District Deputy Russell Collins and wife and Harry Daniels of East Montpelier visited the local grange Thursday evening.

Archie Persons and daughters, Eva and Alice, Guy Bancroft and wife and son, John, and George Sanders and wife were in Barre Tuesday evening to attend the graduation exercises at Goddard seminary.

Mrs. Ray Leonard and Mrs. Hattie Scott of Adamant were in the village Thursday to attend a meeting of the local Red Cross.

Mrs. Lewis Prevost and daughter, Louise, of Hardwick, are spending the summer with Mrs. Prevost's mother, Mrs. Byron Pierce.

Mrs. Lillian Clark closed a very successful term of school in the primary room on Friday. Mrs. Clark has taught the same school for several years, giving the best of satisfaction and her many friends regret she is not to return the coming year.

Mrs. Esther Holmes of North Calais visited her sister, Mrs. Howard Dalley, recently.

Mrs. Myrtle Drennan is nursing in Marshfield.

J. W. Butterfield of Cabot was in town part of the week on business connected with the school.

The frost last week Wednesday evening destroyed a large amount of crops in this vicinity.

Charles Wilbur and Harry Saxby of Montpelier were in town Wednesday to attend the graduation exercises.

E. E. Brown and wife and Miss Alice Persons were in Barre Friday to attend graduation exercises.

Miss Ruth Brown has returned after spending the week with friends in Barre. Tuesday she spent part of last week at her home in Adamant. Mrs. A. J. Lamb assisted in the care of Mrs. W. G. Eastman while Miss Orr was away.

Misses Charlotte and Irene Peck have returned from Montpelier, where they have been attending school. Charlotte was among the graduates in the teachers' course at the seminary.

E. Phillips of Lebanon, N. H., is spending his vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Brown.

Jay Lilley has purchased a new Oldsmobile car and M. D. Hawkins an Overland.

The local Red Cross met as usual on Thursday. The time was spent in making surgical dressings. Although the attendance was small, a good amount of work was accomplished. The yarn to furnish the knitting for the June quota is all out and the branch feels sure the work will be completed by July 1.

Mildred Gray and Van Persons were among the number of graduates at Goddard seminary last week.

Mrs. D. B. Drinell was a business visitor in Montpelier Friday.

D. D. Lamb and wife and son, Meri, were in Montpelier Tuesday.

Mrs. Edith McKay left Saturday for a visit with relatives in Oxford county, Maine.

C. R. Drinell is somewhat improved in health from her recent illness. The class of 1918 from the elementary schools from the town of Calais held their graduating exercises at Memorial hall, North Calais, Friday evening. The exercises were well attended. There were 20 pupils who graduated.

Raymond Orr of Adamant was in the village recently and called at the local Red Cross rooms, where an outfit was given him. Mr. Orr left for Vancouver, B. C., Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Emery and Mr. and Mrs. John Emery were in Craftsboro Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Marshall and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bliss and daughter, Grace, called on friends and relatives in Morrisville Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Allen of Putnamsville were visitors at E. F. Kidd's Monday.

Mrs. Will Harrison went to the Mary Fletcher hospital a week for an operation for gall stones.

Hayes Bassett and family took an auto trip to Rochester Sunday.

Mrs. James Cassidy of North Danville visited at her father's last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Southwick were at their camp at Joe's pond Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Hattie Wood of Barre is stopping with her sister, Mrs. S. E. Houghton, for a time.

School closed last Friday after a nine weeks' term, taught by Jennie Webster of Walden.

Walter Abbott and Samuel Chandler were in Montpelier Monday.

E. M. Putnam and D. A. Colverth were in Barre Saturday on business.

The dance at George Jewett's Friday night was well attended. A good time was reported.

W. R. Tibbets and R. S. Hawkins were in Barre two days last week.

## TO CORRECT

## SCIATICA AND NEURALGIA

Try the Treatment That This Brockton Woman Found So Successful.

Neuralgia is due to the failure of the blood to carry nourishment to a nerve. It is due to malnutrition, nerve starvation, and the pain of neuralgia has been described by an eminent scientist as "the cry of a nerve for food." The most direct way to correct neuralgia is to build up the blood so that it can give the nerves the elements they need.

Sciatica, or sciatic rheumatism, as it is sometimes called, is neuralgia of the sciatic nerve. It is stubborn in resisting treatment but calls for the same remedy as sciatica.

Mrs. James R. Martin, of No. 68 Denton street, Brockton, Mass., suffered for two years with sciatic rheumatism. She says:

"My trouble first started with a pain down on my left side and seemed confined to a space about the size of half a dollar. It was a dull, aching pain and made me very nervous. Gradually it grew worse and became sharp and shooting. I became very miserable, my blood was thin, and I had but little color."

"I had medical attention but got very little relief until, through reading about them in a newspaper, I decided to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. After I had taken the first box I noticed improvement. They effected a great change for the better in my blood. I took five boxes altogether, and the pains are entirely gone. I am satisfied that the pills exactly suited my case, and I have recommended them to others."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are a blood builder and nerve tonic. The rich, red blood that they make not only carries color to the cheeks and lips and gives vigor to the muscles, but it revitalizes the exhausted nerves and quiets the pains of neuralgia and sciatica. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain no opiates nor harmful drugs; they restore health and strength but do not give temporary stimulation.

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## RANDOLPH

Stanley Holman Died Tuesday from the Kick of a Horse.

Stanley Holman, the young son of Charles Holman, the rural mail carrier, who after the close of school went to work for Mr. McIntosh in Bethel Gilead, was kicked by a horse on Monday, and his mother went to Gilead to see him and remained over night, taking him home, and in the afternoon of the same day he grew suddenly worse and died. This is a great affliction, as the son was bright and active, and like all boys of twelve or fourteen years, was anxious to earn something in vacation, having only been there a few days.

The Methodist church Sunday school had a delightful outing at Camp Concord, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Morse in Bethel Gilead, on Tuesday. Through the kindness of Mrs. Morse, the cottage and furnishings were offered the society, which offer was gladly accepted, and automobiles conveyed about eighty people to the camp, where they had dinner and a fine social time.

Following the dinner, a program was given, which had been prepared by the teachers of the school and consisted of recitations by the children and many of the older ones. The program opened with singing "America," after which prayer was offered by the pastor, Rev. R. H. Moore, following which he gave very appropriate remarks. The work of the children was then taken up, and a solo was given by Mrs. Morse's daughter, and Thelma Peck, recitations by several of the smaller children, and selections by the several classes, among which were a song by Miss Hamilton's class, a recitation by Mrs. Wright's class, and a song by another small class. Mrs. Frank Gould gave a pleasing solo, and the program was ended.

What was almost a serious accident happened on Merchant's Row on Tuesday afternoon when a car, in which was a man, wife and children, came up opposite the W. H. Pelton market, when the boy got out of the auto and started across the street. The car of Richard Rowell was passing, and the child, not seeing the same, stepped directly in front of it and was hit, throwing him down and seriously frightened him, but causing only slight injuries.

Mrs. A. C. Thompson of this place went to Montpelier on Tuesday to visit her mother, Mrs. Sarah Jackson, who is in quite poor health.

Roy Bragg, who was called to report for duty, was in town over night Monday, to visit Mrs. Bragg, leaving on Tuesday for Camp Devens.

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